

wouldn't want to take that chance of getting caught with that. Strictly harassment. Someone else could put one in your car. You wouldn't know anything about it even and you'd have to be subjected to counseling. I think it's just completely harassment all the way around and I think the amendment is way too lengthy for this type of a bill to change the bill completely at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Stoney moves to return LB 187 to the Judiciary Committee for a public hearing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, by Senator DeCamp's own admission and by looking at the amendment he has placed before us, it would be my suggestion if it is adopted, since there have been substantive changes, the original bill dealt only with decriminalization of marijuana, now we're dealing with minor in possession. We're dealing with public intoxication. I think it's only right to maintain the credibility and the integrity of this body, that that bill be returned to the Judiciary Committee for a public hearing. Now Senator DeCamp may have had that in his plans and was going to offer that himself. I don't know, but I felt that since the bill is in the form that it is that it certainly deserves a public hearing so that those that would be interested in the new provisions could provide us with their input on those items.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak on this or the motion? Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, I think the issue of Committee or not can be dealt with after we determine whether you're interested in this amendment, this concept. It isn't something that hasn't been discussed repeatedly in connection with this bill and other legislation over the years. How do we handle these offenses which are costing so much the way we're handling them now? How do we handle them since they're all drug related and make our laws effective instead of a joke? This is the system. Marijuana isn't the only drug problem. We have others and minor in possession is one of the most severe we have today. In fact, I'm going to tell you I think minor in possession or minors with alcohol is the most serious. I think all the national studies back it up. So the matter of whether we take it back to a Committee can be dealt with after the amendment. I'd give it a little thought here and there may be a way we could do that and still handle it this year which is the only way I would want to do it, but I think that motion would be completely premature at this point. It isn't a motion, is it?

PRESIDENT: Well, it's a priority motion, as a matter of fact.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, he's saying if we adopt the amendment then we should do this and I say we haven't even adopted the amendment yet, you know. Would it be reasonable, Senator Stoney, to withdraw it until we determine whether we're going to adopt this amendment and then we can discuss that? Is that okay? He says okay.

PRESIDENT: Do you want it withdrawn, Senator Stoney?

SENATOR STONEY: Pardon me?